

## The Charlottesville Social Happenings.

Charlottesville, Va., Special.—The event of the season was a banquet by the V. V. V. club at Odd Fellows' Hall on the night of the 15th inst. The hall was tastefully and handsomely decorated and Mr. W. H. Dabney sustained his reputation as a caterer by the elegant manner, style and taste in which he served the most excellent menu for the occasion. Among those present were: Mr. C. H. Brown and Miss Cora Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. William Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wayland, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Angel, Mr. J. Henry Dickenson and Miss Fannie Brown, Mr. Wm. F. Brown and Miss Emma C. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. William Washington, Mr. Clarence Cary and Miss Lena Whipples, Mr. and Mrs. Saint Louis Angel, Mr. and Mrs. Adam H. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Cosby, Mr. and Mrs. W. Troy Kenzie, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bullock, Mr. and J. G. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. Coles, Mr. E. Allen and Miss Ethel Brown, Mr. R. E. Wood and Miss Bertha Kenzie, Mr. Albert Cary and Miss Susie Buckner, Mr. C. M. Taylor and Miss Jennie Brown, Mrs. Alfred Brooker, Misses Rebecca Ferguson, A. O. Brant, Mary Martin, Susie Fleming, Lizzie Brown. The chaperones were: Mrs. Martha Brown, Mrs. John West, Mrs. Harriet Brown, Mrs. Harriet Edmonds, Mrs. Sadie Scott. Music was furnished by the colored orchestra. The 'S V' is the oldest social and literary club in the city—and has held its own and constantly improved under the wise leadership of the president, Mr. C. H. Brown as well as the rest of its most excellent corps of officers.

MONTICELLO.

## THE BASE BALL NEWS.

The demonstration which the Washington Base Ball Club of the American League gave with the crack Georgetown Club last Monday more than warrants the belief that Mr. Manning has whipped together a strong team—one that will give a good account of itself and whether winning or losing will make the spectators feel that he has witnessed a battle royal. While it is too early to make any predictions as to the future standing of the club it can be depended upon that the modest "fan" won't be called upon to do the perpetual blushing act by having to turn the table of averages upside down to locate the home team at the top as in the sad days of yore. It is to be hoped that all the old guard will return to the fold, turn out en masse and give our new aggregation a rousing and loyal welcome and consistent support. You, the rooters, will find your moneys worth waiting for you at every game at the new park. Course we can't win 'em all but there promises enough coming one way to more than make up for the warm dinners which we wont eat in our eagerness to see the royal sport.

## LITTLE BALL BATS.

If enthusiasm, earnestness and conscientiousness counts for anything, not a man on the team but who promises to make good.

Same old Everitt—same old stone wall.

Just enough old vets on the team to balance the impetuosity of the frisky youngsters.

## Prof. Johnson's Demise.

Prof. B. A. Johnson, a member of the faculty of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., died at that place on Saturday of last week and was buried in the family plot, Louisville, Ky., on Tuesday. Prof. Johnson was an efficient and painstaking instructor, having served his alma mater in such capacity since '93 a year or so after his graduation. He had traveled considerably, his last extensive jaunt extending across the great blue pond in company with Bishop Walters last summer. There was no more active layman in his church than he, of which his father was a bright and shining light in the West for many years. Although a young man Prof. Johnson had been twice married but in each case of short duration, the first of only a few weeks and the latter period covering about a year, the victim of an unsuccessful operation of the surgeon's knife. The few remaining relatives have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Collector John C. Dancy of Wilmington, N. C., dropped in to see us Monday while enroute North to attend the sitting of several Conferences of his Church, of which he is a prominent and active figure.

Mr. Edward E. Cooper was in Baltimore last Monday on business. He was given a stag in the evening by Messrs. Cummings, Stith, Adams, Lewis, Tunstall and others. Mr. Cooper is deservedly popular in Baltimore.

## Notice.

Agents will oblige us when making returns, if they will send in all copies of April 13th issue, as the entire issue is sold out and some special orders remain unfilled. tf.

## FREE TO PATRONS

SCOTT'S FACE BLEACH AND BEAUTIFIER. A perfect Skin Whitener. Free to patrons. Enclose a 2c stamp for particulars. Address SCOTT REMEDY CO., Louisville, Ky. When you write mention this paper.

## HOW TO GO ON THE STAGE.

Franklin Fyles' Advice to Aspirants for Histrionic Honors.

"All the professions are overcrowded. The placard of 'No application for engagement received' might just as well be hung at the doorway of every law, medical, or editorial office as at the portal of the theatre," says Franklin Fyles in Everybody's Magazine. That is what I have thought in reading the letter of inquiry about the stage. They have come from all parts of the United States, but not from all kinds of persons. Hardly any one of the writers have betrayed a lack of at least a fair education. Many have given reasons, real or fancied—such a proficiency in elocution at school, or experience as actors in amateur performances—why they deem themselves fit to get into a theatre by the stage door instead of the public entrance. So I have not felt like replying to all of them, 'Don't try.' I have, instead, advised them to go to the travelling and resident managers, especially those with companies of moderate merit and scant prosperity, and offer themselves for inspection. Possessors of good looks and crude abilities will not fail, with some persistence, to secure in that way a fair trial, if not much remuneration. But if they find that not one in a succession of twenty experts is favorably impressed at all, then they should be convinced that they have been mistaken about themselves, and that they have simply sought an opportunity for their ambition to 'overleap itself.'"

## THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

## United Order of True Reformers.

ORGANIZED January 1, 1881.

Office 604, 606 and 608 N. 2nd St., - - Richmond, Va.

An order devoted to the interests of its members, both in their home and business relations. We offer you an opportunity for gilt edged business investment, in enterprises owned and controlled by the Order and managed by colored men, who are members of the Order.

If you are sound in health and mind, of good moral character, not younger than three (3) years nor older than sixty (60) you are eligible to membership. There are two Fountains, the Subordinate and the Rosebud.

## SUBORDINATE FOUNTAINS.

To join the Subordinate Fountain you must be between 14 and 16 years of age. You pay \$4.60 to \$6.60 (according to age,) as joining fee. If you live in the country you pay 35 cents per month as dues; if in the city, 50 cents per month. You pay as taxes 80 cents per month.

As Sick Benefits you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

## ROSEBUD FOUNTAINS.

To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 3 and 14 year of age. You pay \$1.00, either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cents as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$24.50 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$37.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three (3) Classes:—Class B, Class E, and Class M. All dues are payable annually or quarterly.

In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$4.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$200 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to \$11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$300.

In Class M, the age limit is 14 to 50 years. Fee \$11 to \$13.50. Annual dues, \$21 to \$25. The certificate is valued from date of issue at from \$1,000 to \$700.

You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Classe B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29, 1900, a total of 3782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over a HALF MILLION DOLLARS.



THE BANK.—In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:—

## RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts .....	\$8,272 80
Other stock, bonds and mortgages .....	164,423 83
Due from National Banks ...	48,363 22
Banking House .....	14,000 00
Other real estates .....	99,588 00
Furniture and Fixtures .....	6,850 00
Current expenses and taxes paid .....	1 388 99
Specie, nickels and cents ...	12,399 80
Paper currency .....	35,820 00

Total ..... 391,120 84

## LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in .....	88,125 00
Surplus fund .....	80,957 81
Undivided profits .....	6,826 80
Demand certificate of deposit .....	96,786 29
Time certificates of deposit .....	118,424 74

Total ..... 391,120 64

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well-equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home." With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases 18 buildings.

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